

## Health and Social Services

Activity Title: ChildNet Partnership Program

Implementation Timeframe: July 2001 - July 2006

Objective: To advance the reform of the Romanian child welfare system through sustainable partnerships.

Description: ChildNet has two components: sub-grants and training/technical assistance. It relies on existing partnerships and builds new ones. It supports the strategy of the National Authority for Child protection and Adoption, while encouraging civil society to take the lead in developing community-driven alternatives for children in need of protection. By 2006, the program aims to achieve sustainable reform within the Romanian child welfare system. The activities under this initiative will reduce the dependence on and use of state-run institutions through the establishment of community-based, family-focused services. At the end of the five years, USAID and its partners hope to achieve a 50% reduction in the number of children living in institutions and to help close 30% of state-run institutions, fostering the creation of non-residential alternative services at the community level.

Implementing Partner: World Learning

For more details, visit [www.worldlearning.org/childnet](http://www.worldlearning.org/childnet)

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Activity Title: Romanian Family Health Initiative

Implementation Timeframe: September 2001 - September 2006

Objective: 1) To enhance primary care to provide quality reproductive health services (RH); 2) To develop an effective and sustainable continuum of RH services, and 3) To promote the use of reproductive health services, especially among those with the highest needs.

Description: Works with the Ministry of Health to promote institutional and policy reform in key areas, increasing capacity, through training, standards of quality, and monitoring of programs and services. Integrates reproductive health into the existing structure at the primary care level, capitalizing on lessons learned and successes of previous project. Provides technical, managerial and capacity-building support to key Romanian partner organizations. Invests considerably in the strengthening of human resources through formal and in-service training and quality assurance techniques. Stimulates community participation in all issues related to reproductive health through a solid partnership with all levels of civil society in Romania. Develops all activities under an entirely consultative and participatory process with the Ministry of Health, National Health Insurance House, other Ministries and USAID, with the aim of putting in place a sustainable system for providing quality reproductive health services. Promotes and strengthens alliances and partnerships with donors, foundations and the UN organizations in order to achieve synergy, allowing the work of the project to expand beyond priority districts.

Implementing Partner: John Snow, Inc. Research and Training Institute

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Activity Title: National Child Welfare Monitoring System

Implementation Timeframe: May, 2003 – May, 2005

Objective: To create a national database to track children in the public child welfare system, available services and staff, financial information, and monitoring.

Description: The National Child Welfare Monitoring System will be based on information collected on an individual child basis. This will: provide child welfare professionals with access to up-to-date, reliable data; facilitate financial and management planning; and help uphold the standards for services in the day-to-day activities of county-level Directions for Child Protection. The end product will be a national database with information on each individual child that was in the evidence of the public child welfare system, available services and staff, financial information and monitoring. The system will provide a foundation to meet future information needs, with support from such entities as the Government of Romania, International Financial Institutions, bilateral donors, etc.

Implementing Partner: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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